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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	Herbert Nagasawa et al.	Confirmation No.:	9934
Appln. No.:	10/750,005	Group Art Unit:	1654
Filed:	December 30, 2003	Examiner:	Thomas S. Heard
For:	<b>METHODS FOR REDUCING OXIDATIVE STRESS IN A CELL WITH A SULFHYDRYL PROTECTED GLUTATHIONE PRODRUG</b>		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants have considered the Final Office Action mailed April 11, 2007 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in light of the new claims and remarks that follow. Applicants further submit that the Request for Continued Examination and accompanying submission under 37 CFR 1.114 results in withdrawal of the appeal and reopens prosecution of the application on the merits in accordance with MPEP §1215.01.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.